

NCTE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINTUES

August 25, 2011

Present: Sharon Katt, Kevin Peters, Becky Schnabel, Alan Bone, Mark Adler

Absent: Doreen Jankovich

Guests: Marge Harouff, Pat Madsen, Karen Buller, Jim Woodland, Tricia Parker, Jim Havelka, Dan Ernst, Beth Doll, Carol McClain

Meeting Date: Thursday, August 25, 2011

Call to Order at 9:05 A.M. by President Becky Schnabel

- A. NCTE Executive Committee Meeting minutes of April 14, 2011 approved, motion by Adler, second by Katt.
- B. NCTE General Session Meeting minutes of June 10, 2011 approved, motion by Adler, second by Katt.
- C. NCTE Standing Committee minutes of June 10, 2011 approved, motion by Katt, second by Adler.
- D. Madsen reported the following:
 1. Proposed Endorsements/Rules awaiting Governor's approval: Rule 21
 2. Proposed Endorsements/Rules awaiting State Board of Education action: (11)
 - a. School Librarian (formerly Library Media Specialist)
 - b. English as a Second Language (will be one endorsement—no ESL Beyond Baccalaureate or ESL Undergraduate)
 - c. Bilingual (new—supplemental endorsement to ESL)
 - d. Information Technology Education (supplemental)
 - e. Instructional Technology Leadership (new—non-teaching endorsement)
 - f. Health Education
 - g. Health and Physical Education
 - h. Physical Education
 - i. Adapted Physical Education
 - j. Elementary Education
 - k. School Counselor (formerly School Guidance Counselor)
 - i. Tentative Rule 24 State Board Action for these 11 endorsements: November, 2011
 - ii. Public Hearing: December, 2011
 - iii. Board Approval: January, 2012
 - iv. Submitted for Attorney General Approval/Governor's Signature—February, 2012
 - v. Anticipated Implementation Date—August 1, 2012

E. Proposed Endorsements moved to Full Council Action in October:

1. Principal – as written
2. Special Education: School Psychologist – as written

These will also be included in Rule 24 August 1, 2012, pending NCTE final approval at the October 7, 2011 meeting.

F. Proposed Endorsements moved to First and Second Readings in October:

1. Superintendent –Jim Havelka presented the proposed Superintendent Endorsement on behalf of the Ad Hoc Committee. After discussion, the following changes were proposed. These changes will be included in the conference call with educator preparation programs on September 1, 2011. If there are no further major changes or concerns presented during the conference call, the Executive Committee recommended that the endorsement move to 1st and 2nd Reading in October. If significant changes or concerns result from the September 1 conference call, the endorsement will be presented to the Council as a discussion item with the expectation that 1st and 2nd Reading will be scheduled for March, 2012. Proposed language:

005.03D2: Beginning July 1, 2014, candidates who have completed an approved program leading to the Superintendent endorsement on the Administrative and Supervisory Certificate shall be awarded an endorsement entitled “Initial Superintendent”.

The Initial Superintendent endorsement shall be valid through the first year that the candidate is employed in Nebraska in a position code requiring a Superintendent’s endorsement.

During the first year of employment referred to above, the holder of an Initial Superintendent endorsement shall complete a Nebraska experience-based professional development and mentoring program that is jointly under the direction of an institution offering an approved Superintendent endorsement program and of an educational professional organization that provides statewide professional development and training specifically for school administrators.

Upon successful completion of the post-employment (first year) professional development and mentoring experience, the candidate will be recommended by the endorsing institution for the endorsement entitled “Professional Superintendent”.

The Initial Superintendent endorsement will lapse following the first year of employment in a position code requiring a Superintendent endorsement. Candidates who have failed to complete the professional development and mentoring experience during their first year of employment in a position code requiring a Superintendent endorsement can appeal for an extension of time for the Initial Superintendent endorsement on the grounds of extenuating circumstances. Such appeals shall be approved or denied by the Commissioner of Education.

Candidates who hold a Provisional Superintendent endorsement and are employed in Nebraska in a position code requiring a Superintendent endorsement shall complete the professional development and mentoring experience in their first year of employment. Upon completion of the remaining conditions of the Provisional Superintendent endorsement, the candidate shall be awarded the Professional Superintendent endorsement.

2. Science—The proposed science endorsements: Science (Field), and Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Space, and Physics subject endorsements, presented by Jim Woodland on behalf of the Science Ad Hoc Committee, were accepted as written.
 3. English Language Arts— The proposed English language arts endorsements: Language Arts (field) and English, Speech, Theatre, Reading and Writing, and Reading Specialist subject endorsements, presented by Trisha Parker on behalf of the Language Arts Ad Hoc Committee, were accepted as written with the following exceptions:
 - a. English subject – change 006.22D to read
 Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of ~~30~~ 36 semester hours ~~in writing, language, and literature coursework~~ to include, 21 18 semester hours in literature, 9 semester hours in writing and grammar, 3 6 semester hours in reading instruction and 3 semester hours in oral communications.
 - b. Language Arts field – change 006.22D to read
 Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a minimum of ~~65~~ 60 semester hours ~~in journalism and mass communications, language, literature, reading, speech, theatre, and writing including, 18 semester hours in literature, 9 semester hours in reading instruction, 9 semester hours in writing and grammar, 6 semester hours in communication, 6 semester hours in theatre, 6 semester hours in journalism, and 6 additional semester hours in any one of these areas.~~
 - c. Executive committee would like the Undergraduate Standing Committee to discuss requiring six semester hours in reading instruction for both English and Language Arts.
 4. Special Education Generalist – The proposed Special Education Generalist Endorsement, presented by Carol McClain on behalf of the Special Education Ad Hoc Committee and various stakeholder groups, was approved. She explained that this would be the foundational endorsement for special education teachers. Discussions continue regarding the creation of supplemental specializations with 15-18 hour requirements.
- G. Madsen reported the following Ad Hoc Updates:
1. Early Childhood—Ad Hoc meeting September 16, 2011, this will include Early Childhood Education, Early Childhood Unified, Early Childhood-Special Education, Preschool Disabilities and the Early Care Birth-K special authorization.
 2. Mathematics—February, 2012 (tentative)
 3. Speech Language Pathologist—TBA
- H. 2011-2012 NCTE Membership and Standing Committees
1. Katt reported revisions to the 2011-2012 Membership approved by the State Board in May, 2011 are:
 - a. Higher Education: Janell Uffelman, alternate for Concordia; Fr. Tom Simonds, alternate for Creighton; Tim Anderson, alternate for NE Wesleyan
 - b. State Board Appointed Teacher: Debra Harder, alternate
 - c. NCSA: Jon Lopez, regular member
 2. These changes will be presented to the State Board for formal approval in October, 2011.

I. NDE Updates:

1. Rule 20 – Katt reported that she spent time with the Board at their work session August 10, 2011 to overview the program approval process and to talk with them about progress made on the challenges they presented in the previous months. Several Board members publicly and privately commented they are pleased with the response and progress.
2. Rule 25 – Katt reported that the public hearing was held on August 23, 2011 and will be sent to the State Board for approval at their September, 2011 meeting.
3. Rule 21 – Peters reported that this has passed the State Board and is waiting for the AG's approval and Governor's signature.
4. Rule 24 Changes—moved this discussion to future meetings
5. Teacher and Principal Standards Update—Survey Results/Moving Forward—survey will close early September, there are some focus group meetings yet to be held. Results will be reported to the State Board in October, 2011
6. Updates on Other Effective Educator Initiatives & EE2020—Katt reported on the Standards, Assessment and Accountability Workshop that will take place on September 29th and 30th. The workshop is intended to provide educator preparation faculty with updated information about state assessment processes/requirements, state K-12 standards and resources, and the continuous improvement process being utilized by Nebraska schools. NDE staff will be conducting the workshop.
7. Madsen reported on the following dates for Program Approvals
 - a. Doane College Folio Review—September 15, 2011
 - b. Doane College On-Site Review—April 15-17, 2012
 - c. Chadron State and Concordia Folio Review—Fall, 2012 (note change)

J. NCTE New Member Orientation will take place at 8:30 A.M. October 7, 2011 at Center for People in Need, prior to the NCTE Full Council meeting at 9:30.

K. Agenda Items for October 7, 2011 Meeting:

1. Welcome—Molly O'Holleran, Nebraska State Board of Education
2. Remind Full Council of protocol for Ad Hoc guideline presentation discussions.
3. Endorsements ready for First and Second Readings and Final Approval
4. Teacher and Principal Standards Update/Moving Forward—Jim Havelka

Meeting Adjourned 12:30